# THE CHURCHES AND TO-DAY'S SERVICES

# The Quiet Ways of God's Providence

REV. PLOYD W. TOWNINS.

Text: I. Kings xix, 1-13.

His wonders to perform. So sang William Cowper in 1771, and eason staggers for how could a cruel Him-and ask Him to speak to us. Person is loving and wise. e can recognize our human inability child loves and trusts his

is not always true that God's The Lord of Hosts our refuge the turnuit to understand clearly His words. But we can wait and trust and silence the assurance of His care. y Me." The unheliever only hears thunder and is afraid. The Chris-, because Christ has taught him. has faith, and hears the still small voice crying: "Tis I; be not afraid."

INDIVIDUAL HEART

plan will be fulfilled. I cannot inderstand the plan, nor can I ex-dain the means which God is pleased o use in fulfilling the plan. We need o read and make our own Whittier's

know not where His islands lift Their fronted palms in air; only know I cannot drift Beyond His love and care.

fe to read Whittier's wonderful peem.

providences. He has a loving or a warning word in each joy or sorrow or trouble that comes to us, and it is a delight to listen to the quiet voice which speaks, for we are in the presence of our Father and He is telling what He would have us do, But we must know Him as Jesus Christ has revealed Him to us. If I think God is cruel when I am in trouble, or if I think He has nothing to do with the think He has nothing to do with the pain that comes upon me, then I will be too deaf to hear His voice and too be too deaf to hear His voice and too stupid to learn. He is love, and if we trust in Him His love becomes known and we can lean upon it and have no fear. It becomes a delightful and precious task to interpret the gently spoken message. However hard the experience may seem to be, there is a word of love written in golden letters by the finger of God, and as I search for it I feel the exhibitantion of one who looks for hid treasure.

Sometimes the word is "care," and I know He cares for me and would have me care for others. Sometimes

I know lie cares for me and would have me care for others. Sometimes it is "patience" or "hope" or "courage." At times it may be a word of warning or a word of appeal or a word of comfort, or, perchance, a word of rebuke. But every joy, every sorrow, every friendship, every sickness, every world tragedy has a quiet lesson which God wishes me to learn, and which He whispers to me so that I only can hear and understand. All this comes to me when I know that because God is love, therefore, He loves me, His child.

NEED SOLITUDE TO NEED SOLITUDE TO

HEAR GOD SPEAK
Elijah was by himself, all alone in
the wilderness and the cave when God
spoke. I am inclined to believe that
we need solitude and isolation to hear
God speak. Of course, He is always
with a county of the respine He is always God speak. Of course. He is always with us, even in the rushing life amidst crowds, and we can talk to Him and be sure of His care. But He wants us by ourselves when He speaks. Oh, the peace of the hour when we can be alone! Oh, the blessedness of the "quiet hour." when all is shut out and away and we have nothing to distract us! I wonder if the reason for our confusion in the face of God's providences is not to be found in our crowding together and in our discussions or perhaps in our complaints? Of course, we must be brothers and love fellowship often comes through solitude. We ship often comes through solitude. We must be alone with God sometimes. And in the stillness we can listen and hear. I have a little book of prayers which I often read, and here is a passage I especially love: "O, gracious which I often read, and her is a pass-Father, I do desire to be alone. When I am occupied before men I know not the power of the opinions of men over me. I know not how much I do to be seen of men or out of regard to men. I know not mine own self; I am not and do in secret seems to be more en-tirely sincere and done in singleness of heart to Thy glory. When I kneel

perplexed just go away by yourself and tell God about it, and see if there does not come a message to you to comfort and guide you.

And then there is one other thing to be remembered. God's providences are often hidden in their meaning because we are insincere and so cannot see or edged sin: it may be some bitter feeling toward some one who has treathis words have brought comfort and strength to multitudes of troubled people. For the only solution of life is God's message, for He cannot speak to found in the truth of God's wisdom and love; and Jesus Christ came into by and trustingly to one whom you he world to declare that a loving God do not trust. I am perfectly sure that and Father rules in the affairs of men. God will never turn away from any Gecause He is wise human understand-man who comes to Him sincerely and recause He is wise human understand, man who comes to him sincerely and ing cannot fathom His plans; but because He is loving we can perfectly trust Him. No other reasonable course is left for us. To think the world is association can be known than mutual only a miscrable conclusion, but it is of our Christian love and of our devo-unscientific and unphilosophical. There tion can be known than when we nust be a Person back of all force. If look right up into His face with noththis person is cruel—that is, if the ing in all our lives to conceal—not this person is cruel—that is, if the ing in all our lives to conceal—not world is governed by a devil—then even sin, for we can confess that to if the ing in all our lives to conceal—not thur, the assistant rector, will preach vil—then even sin, for we can confess that to at 8 o'clock this evening. devil have implanted in man his heart believe all God's providences will be-

> And bending low before His throne or pitying grace implore Him.

His kingdom is within love that casts out fear Exults to feel Him near

#### LOCAL CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST.

Centenary-Rev. T. A. Smoot, D. D. this morning and at a e'clock this

of Randolph Macon College, of Randolph Macon College, this evening. Broad Street-Rev. George H. Me

Faden, will preach at 11 o'clock this morning, and Rev. Fred R. Chenault, past the pastor, at 8:15 o'clock this evening, mor ing will be "Taking Stock. Union Station-Rev. M. S. Colonna

ing on "An Unsolved Mystery Grace-Rev. J. B. Peters, the pas-

morning and at & o'clock this even-

D. D. the pastor, will preach at to oclock this morning and at S o'clock

Decator Street-Rev. Samuel L. Dumthat God is ruling in our lives. He this evening on "The Signs of the cated us—we did not make ourselves Times." Mr. Dumville has just reand He has a pinn for us, and if turned from Newport News, where he only work with Him and trust Him spent ten days conducting a series of revival services at Grace Methoust

## BAPTIST.

First-Rev. George W. McDaniel, D.

this morning on "Partakers With Christ" and at \$15 e'clock this even-ing on 'Self Control." The choir will sing "Sweet the Moments" from Lucia

Grove Avenue-Rev. W. C. D. D., the paster, will preach and ad-minister the communion at 11 o'clock this morning and preach at 8 o'clock this evening. The subject of the sermon this evening will be etting Sin.

GOD'S PROVIDENCES Grace Street-Rev. Kerr Boyce Tup-By the light of God's Holy Spirit per, D. D., of Philadelphia, will preach the can hear and understand God's this morning on "A Pathetic Appeal of rovidences. He has a loving or a an Earnest Truth-secker" and this

preach at 11 o'clock this morning, and Rev. H. P. Simpson, at 8 o'clock this Pultou-Rev. W. Thorburn Clark,

orning and evening services. Ginter Park-Rev. T. B. Ray, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock this morning. There will be no evening service

St. Paul's-Rev. W. Russell Bowie D. D. the rector, will preach at 11 o'clock this morning on "Privilege and Patriotism" and at \$15 o'clock this evening on "Is There Salvation Out-side the Church?" The evening sor-mon will be the last of a series on the general subject, "Answers to Thought-ARE OFTEN HIDDEN ful Questions."

the rector, will preach at 11 e'clock this morning and at 3 o'clock thir evening. Holy Communion will be administered at the morning service.

Grace-Rev. Landon R. Mason, D. D. rector, will preach at 11 e clock morning and at 8 o'clock this ning. Colonel B. H. Berry will evening. Colonel B. H. Ber speak at the meeting of the Bible class at 9:45 o'clock this morn-

rector, will prouch and administer the Holy Communion at II o'clock this

the rector, will preach at 11 o'clock this morning, and Rev. Philip A. At-

Holy Comforter-Rev. W. E. Cox, the ctor, will preach and administer the oly Communion at 11 o'clock this morning and preach at 8 o'clock this

St. John's-Rev. Hugh W. Sublett rector, will preach at 11 o'clock s morning and at 8 o'clock this St. Mark's-Rev. G. McLaren Bryden

Epiphany - Roy. Wythe L. Kinsolying will preach and administer the Holy Communion at 11 o'clock this morning and preach at 8 o'clock this evening. The subject of the sermon this evening will be "Nations and The Klandom".

this morning and at 8 o'clock this

#### PRESBYTERIAN.

the pastor, will preach at 11 o'clock this morning. At 8 o'clock to-night, St. Louis, Mo., will preach.

Second-Rev. Russell Cecil. D. D. Abingdon. pastor, will preach at 11 e'clock this morning and at 8 e'clock this evening. Grace Covenant-Rev. Egbert W. this morning, and flev. Gilbert Glass, D. D., at 8 o'clock this evening.

Westminster-Rev. J. Y. Fair, D. D. the pastor, will preach at 11 o'clock this morning and at 8 o'clock this

"Conversion as the Discovery of Seif."

Cowardin Avenne-liev. John A. Tate. the paster, will preach at 11 o'clock this morning on "Getting Out of the Ruts," and at 8 o'clock this evening

## LUTHERAN.

Scherer, 3r., the pastor, will preschi at 11 o'clock this morning and at 8 St. John's-Hev. Oscar Guthe. pastor, will preach in German at

First-Roy, Frank Pratt, the pastor will preach at 11 o'clock this morning on "The Quiet Forces," and at 8 o'clock this evening on "The Readjustments

First Church of Christ-The regular service will be held at 11 o'clock this service will be held at 11 o'clock this morning. The subject will be "Ever-lasting Punishment."

D. will preach to-day at both morning and evening services.

The services will preach at 11 o'clock this morning and at 8 o'clock this evening.

# That Takes Peace From the Earth."

Stleff Hall-W. E. Warren will lead the service at 11 o'clock this morning, and R. C. Bristow will preach at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

#### SALVATION ARMY.

William Byrd Park-Brigadier Wil-Ham Escott and Staff Captain William Haml, or Baitimore, will conduct the WILL MEET IN BIRMINGHAM Commandant Elmer Johnson, of the Monumental—Rev. James W. Morris.
D. D., the rector, will preach at 11 dicers will take part in the service o'clock this morning and at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Bey G. Freeland Peter.

Richmond organization.

Wisiting of the service for naval recruits. Visiting of the service this service in the service.

There will be several street services.

## YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIA-

sell will lead the song service at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in the lobby of noon to the Boys' Hy-Shy-Ny Clab.

#### Mrs. Newell to Speak.

The Young People's Missionary S. ciety of Trinity Methodist Church hold its regular meeting this after-noon at 1 o'clock in the lecture room.

#### PRESBYTERY TO MEET

censes to Preach. Baker times to Abingdon.

North Sixth Street. A considerable part of the time will be spent in the presbytery has distolved South Richmond, to permit Mr. Baker to accept a call from the church at

e Baptist Church at a service is a student at Richmond College.

# SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., To-Night.

Rev. J. Layton Maure, D. D., paster the Central Presbyterian Church, Louis, Mo., will preach the bacca laureate sermon to the class of 1917 at Union Theological Seminary in the seminary chapel at 11 o'clock this Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. shville, Tenn., secretary of D., of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of foreign missions, will deliver the annual address before the Society for Missionary Inquiry this evening, the society will celebrate the one-hunwas an active member of the society morning and in English There are thirty-one members of the the evening sermon will be exercises will close on Wednesday.

# POSLAM'S HELP

ADVENTIST.

Morris Street Chapel—A. E. Serns will speak this evening on the Subject. Europe Crucified on the Cross of Constantinople."

Life and Advent—Elder James mowle will preach at 11 o'clock this morning and at 8 o'clock this evening. will preach at 11 o'clock this morning and at 8 o'clock this evening.

APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

First—Rev. B. C. Pease will preach at 8 o'clock this evening on the subatter of the

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General Assembly Is Opposed to Interference in Political Matters.

Question of Organic Union With Northern Presbyterian Church to Be Biscussed-Settle Relations With Oglethorpe University.

to come before the fifty-seventh geniarly known as the Southern Prebyrian 17, church-wide interest is co issembly regarding the Federal Coun-il, Organic Union, Oglethorpe Unireligion, and the formation of a new

It is a well-known fact that for at Churches of Christ ago was due, latrely, to the persuasion brought to bear upon the assembly of 1915 that withdrawal be deferred until after the meeting of the council in December, 1916, and that if at that meeting action satisfactory to the Southern Presbyterian Church be taken by which the class. taken, by which the church can consistently remain a member of the council, that it do so remain.

The protest of the assembly of 1915,

lando, Fla., this protest have by the ence to certain actions taken by the ence to certain actions taken by the the nest to preach. Each will be required to preach a sermon before the presbytery. Rev. F. T. McFaden, D. D. pastor of the First Freshyterian Church, The council has said this, among othe is no real line of cleavage between the principles of the Presbyterian Church of tion of the Federal Council. We think it proper, however, to recommend that the Federal Council clearly affirm its one evening session on i

In view of the fact that the Presby

ery of New York, of the Presbyteria hurch in the United States of Amer (Northern Presbyterian Church), las, Texas, on May 17, an overture in which that assembly will be asked to make proposals to the assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church looking toward the organic union of the two churches, it is practically certain that the subject of organic union will occupy a prominent place in the pro-were chosen ten days ago as follows eedings of the Birmingham assembly. It is known that overtures touching the subject of organic union will be presented to the assembly of several presbyteries. The sentiment in this presbyteries. onnection throughout the church is Presbyterian and Reformed churches eral assembly of the Presbyterian of 1916, in answering an overture Church in the United States, familwhile it responded to the mirit of this overture, it did not "deem ward a closer co-operation of all Pre-

#### OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY

byterian bodies.

Among the reports of ad interim ertain Presbyterians. indersed by the assembly, and the purthat the presentation of the report of this committee will be followed by one will take place on the floor of the

before the general assembly, and it the various causes.

ak tee on the Sabbath and family religio body of American Protestantism. The churches of the Federal Council stand squarely upon this historic principle."

Another affirmation of the council is that of its "recognition of the paramount value of evangelism and the primary place which it must occupy in

Rev. E. P. Rogers, of Amelia; Rev. A. P. Hassell, a returned missionary from Japan, located now in Richmond; Dr. W. B. Lorraine, of Richmond; E. S.

Hobbs, of Hebron, and R. F. Dillard,

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